

# Brigadier General Jon A. Jensen

Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Africa



Brig. Gen. Jensen is the Deputy Commanding General, United States Army Africa and Southern European Task Force (SETAF) and dual-hatted as the Director of the Joint Staff, Minnesota National Guard and Department of Military Affairs, Saint Paul, Minnesota. He serves as the primary assistant to the Adjutant General with overall responsibility and oversight of more than 1,400 full-time employees of the Minnesota Army National Guard, directly supervises the Staff Directors of the Joint Force Headquarters, and is responsible for the readiness of the organization to conduct civil support operations.

Brig. Gen. Jensen earned his commission in 1989 from the United States Army Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, Georgia. Upon commissioning, he served in a variety of command and staff positions in both the Iowa and Minnesota Army National Guard. Brigadier General Jensen's command assignments include 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry, and 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division. Prior to receiving his commission, Brig. Gen. Jensen enlisted in the 168th Infantry Regiment of the Iowa Army National Guard. Brigadier General Jensen has deployed in support of Operation Desert Spring (Kuwait), Operation Joint Forge (Bosnia-Herzegovina), and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Brig. Gen. Jensen holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance/Business Economics from Northwest Missouri State University, a Master of Military Arts and Sciences from the Command and General Staff College, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.

Brig. Gen. Jensen's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (Silver Oak Leaf Cluster), National Defense Service Medal (1 Bronze Service Star), Iraq Campaign Medal (2 Bronze Service Stars), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (Silver Hourglass, M device, Numeral 3), Noncommissioned Officer Professional development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 2), the Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (Numeral 3), NATO Medal, and the Army Meritorious Unit Commendation (1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster).